

tune. They're there for 4 or 5 months, 6 months, and then they get off, their lives are stabilized, it never happens again.

I think as we try to deal with the problem of long-term welfare dependency, we shouldn't forget and we shouldn't do anything that unduly burdens the people that never were in danger of being long-term welfare dependent but do need some short-term help. Those are the three things that bother me most as we get ready to go into this debate.

I think that there is a genuine consensus across party lines, regional lines, income lines, racial lines that we ought to promote work and education and responsible parenting. I just want to make sure we don't fall into those other traps.

Q. Mr. President, what do you think of the balanced budget?

Q. Would your plan cost more at the beginning, though?

The President. The plan I presented last year cost somewhere in the beginning—I think we underestimated the savings. The more you invest in putting people to work, the quicker you will reduce long-term taxpayer costs. The more people are put into the work force, even if you have to spend some money to do it—for example, we gave Oregon permission to take the welfare checks and actually use it by giving it to employers as a wage supplement. They wanted to try it, and we said have at it. I'm going to be very interested to see whether that works. Maybe a lot of States will do that. The Government can't afford a lot of public service jobs. Maybe the answer is to let the welfare checks go as employer supplements, to pay those wage supplements.

But the point is that however we do it, the more we focus on work and giving people a living wage and an opportunity to work, the better off we'll be. That's another good argument for raising the minimum wage.

Balanced Budget Amendment

Q. Mr. President, what do you think of the House passing the Balanced Budget Amendment? Are you for it?

The President. I'm glad they adopted the Stenholm amendment.

Q. Are you?

The President. Absolutely, it makes the bill much better. I still believe that if it's going to be presented to the country, they ought to tell the country what's involved—what's involved. Let's have—there's a right to know here. I'm all for open Government, and I think there's a right to know what is involved. Let the people know what is involved, both in the short run what will have to be cut and what, if any, downsides there are, what's going to happen when we get into a recession, how will that be impacted? The people need more information about this before the legislators vote on it. If it's going to be sent out there, there ought to be a cover sheet showing how it would be done.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:30 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 23

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico concerning Mexico's progress in implementing its economic stabilization package and the legislation in the U.S. Congress concerning a loan guarantee package for Mexico.

January 24

The President announced his intention to appoint Miguel Angel Corzo to be a member of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint Paul Cole, Terrance L. Craney, Yvette Herrera, and Esteban Soriano to the National Skills Standard Board.

January 25

In the morning, the President traveled to Kutztown, PA. Following his arrival, he went to Kutztown State University where he met with students, teachers, and area business people and residents in the Keystone Gymnasium.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals to be members of the Panel of Arbitrators and/or Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes:

- Antonio J. Colorado, conciliator;
- Frederick Frank, conciliator;
- O. Jerome Green, conciliator;
- D. Holly Hammonds, conciliator;
- David Michael Ifshin, arbitrator;
- Carolyn B. Lamm, arbitrator;
- Lawrence B. Low, arbitrator;
- Robert B. Owen, arbitrator.

The President appointed Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel to head the Presidential delegation to the commemoration marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and death camp to take place on January 26–27 in Krakow, Poland.

The White House announced that the President has invited Chancellor Helmut Kohl to make an official visit on February 9.

The White House announced the President will meet with President Issaias Afewerke of Eritrea on February 1 at the White House.

January 26

The President announced his intention to nominate Kirsten S. Moy as the administrator of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

The White House announced the President has made the following appointments to the White House Staff:

- Kathryn O'Leary (Kitty) Higgins, currently Chief of Staff at the Department of Labor, will be the new Cabinet Secretary, with the title of Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs;
- Bob J. Nash, currently Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Economic and Community Development, has been

named Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Personnel;

- Rahm Emanuel, currently Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Communications, has been appointed to the new position of Director of Special Projects;
- John B. Emerson, currently a Deputy Assistant to the President, has been named Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs;
- Stephen B. Silverman, currently a Special Assistant to the President and acting Cabinet Secretary, will resume his role as Deputy Cabinet Secretary, with the title Deputy Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs.

January 27

In the late afternoon, the President met with the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building.

The White House announced that the President has directed a team of U.S. disaster experts to travel to Japan on January 30 to tour areas affected by the recent earthquake.

The President announced his intention to appoint Frank J. Biondi, Jr., to be a member of the President's Export Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Stephanie Gonzales to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President announced his intention to appoint Clayton Lukow as Chair and Federal Representative of the Big Blue River Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following members of the Advisory Committee for the 1995 White House Conference on Aging:

- James E. Birren;
- David K. Brown;
- Robert Butler;
- Karyl Eckles;
- Charles J. Fahey;
- Evelynn C. Gioiella;
- Lou Glasse;
- Ed Haas;
- Henry Jay Hannigan;
- James Santiago Hena;
- Carmela Lacayo;
- John E. Lyle;

—Martha A. McSteen;
 —Mary Mulvey;
 —Ron Pollack;
 —Steve Protulis;
 —Eugene Rinaldi;
 —Teresa Scannelli;
 —E. Percil Stanford;
 —Jeannette C. Takamura;
 —Eric G. Tangelos;
 —Don Watanabe.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted January 23

Janet Bond Arterton,
 of Connecticut, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut, vice Jose A. Cabranes, elevated.

Willis B. Hunt, Jr.,
 of Georgia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, vice Horace T. Ward, retired.

Susan Y. Illston,
 of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California, vice Barbara A. Caulfield, resigned.

Charles B. Kornmann,
 of South Dakota, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Dakota, vice John B. Jones, retired.

John L. Bryant, Jr.,
 of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 1997, vice Helmuth J. Naumer, term expired.

Submitted January 24

Maxine M. Chesney,
 of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California, vice John P. Vukasin, Jr., deceased.

Karen Nelson Moore,
 of Ohio, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, vice Robert B. Krupansky, retired.

Marianne C. Spraggins,
 of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 1997, vice Thomas J. Healey, term expired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains release of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released January 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the President's telephone conversation with President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico

Announcement of the President's intention to nominate Marianne Camille Spraggins to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investors Protection Corporation

Announcement of the President's nomination of the following individuals to serve on the U.S. District Court: Janet Bond Arterton for the District of Connecticut; Willis B. Hunt, Jr., for the Northern District of Georgia; Susan Y. Illston for the Northern District of California; and Charles B. Kornmann for the District of South Dakota

Released January 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Chief of Staff Leon Panetta on the State of the Union Address